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TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: DICK KENNEDY *RCM/for*  
SUBJECT: Childers Delegation

1. There follows Bill Walker's memo on the Childers delegation. He asked that it be passed to the Secretary prior to going forward to the President. You have seen State's input. Walker's proposal reflects current instructions to include Labor representation whenever possible.
2. Our Ambassador in Dublin suggested Chief Justice Burger and also supported Meany as well as Professor William J. McGill, President of Columbia University, who has sponsored a number of exchange programs benefitting Irish students and is well thought of in Ireland. You should also know that Professor Zeph Stewart, brother of Justice Potter Stewart and the Master of Lowell House at Harvard, is married to Diana Childers, niece of the late President. Although we do not propose the Stewarts as members of the delegation, it is our recommendation that they be invited to go on the aircraft.
3. We will await your guidance bearing in mind that the delegation will have to depart Wednesday afternoon our time.
4. BEGIN TEXT: [Send text of attached.] END TEXT.
5. Warm regards.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: U. S. Delegation to the Funeral of the President of Ireland

The funeral of President Erskine Childers of Ireland has been scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 1974 and the State Department is preparing to send a four member U.S. Delegation including our Ambassador to Ireland, John Moore. Set forth below is a proposed Delegation. This proposal has been discussed with Bill Timmons, Bill Baroody's office, Dean Burch's office and Dick Kennedy, NSC.

1. Head of Delegation. In order of preference our suggestions are: 1. Chief Justice Warren Burger; 2. Associate Justice William Brennan; 3. Secretary of the Army, Howard Calloway.

2. Congressional Representative. Senator James Buckley. Senator Buckley is now in London and advises that he would be prepared to attend if selected.

3. Ambassador Moore.

4. In order of preference our suggestions are:  
1. George Meany; 2. Thomas Murphy, President of the Brick Layers Union; 3. Joe Powers, General President of the Plasters Union; 4. Thomas Gleason, President of the East Coast Long Shoremen.

Decision Option:

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_